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Flame Broiled....

A fire at the Aviano AB (Italy) Burger King on 12 January 2004 resulted in a total loss of the \$1M facility. There were no injuries to occupants or to fire fighters. Cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

As a result of this fire, an inspection of all commercial cooking facilities was directed. The focus of the inspection included:

In addition to the general requirement that these facilities conform to National Fire Protection Standard 101, Life Safety Code, focused attention in four key areas is needed for facilities that include commercial cooking equipment:

- (1) All employees require very specific training to ensure the safety of facility users/occupants;
- (2) All commercial cooking equipment must be located beneath a properly installed hood and duct system that includes an



automatic hood and duct system; (3) all components of hood and duct systems must be operational when cooking equipment is in use; and (4) thorough cleaning is required at six-month intervals or frequently if necessary to prevent accumulation of grease.

Bottom Line: Lots of attention is being focused at our commercial cooking facilities...we need to make sure those inspections are done!

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Air Force Level Winners

Congratulations to each of the following winners of the CE awards. Air Force fire fighters and fire departments competed extremely well this year. Congratulations to the winners and runner ups listed below. We are very proud of you and thank you for your dedication and commitment to excellence. As the winner of the Sanborn Award, the Langley AFB Fire Department will be the Air Force nominee for the DoD Fire Department of the Year Award. Congratulations and thanks again for all that you do.

CMSgt Ralph E. Sanborn Award:

Winner: 1 CES, **Langley AFB VA** (ACC)

Runner Up: 30 CES, **Vandenberg AFB CA** (AFSPC)

Major General Joseph A. Ahearn Enlisted Leadership Award Runner Up: CMSgt **Rodney E. Coleman**, 21 CES/CEF, Peterson Afb CO (AFSPC)

The Harry P. Rietman Award (Senior Civilian Manager) Runner Up: **Robert M. Schultz**, 775 CES/CEF, Hill AFB UT (AFMC)

Outstanding Civil Engineer Civilian Supervisor **Paul Wagner**, 86 CES/CEF, Ramstein AB GE (USAFE)

Outstanding Civil Engineer Civilian Technician Runner Up: **Billy D. Clemons**, 347 CES/CEF, Moody AFB GA (AFSOC)

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New AFCESA Web Site

We finally have the beginnings of a web site. As most of you know, I have always grumbled about the lack of quality and user friendliness of AFCESA's (fire) web site.

I'm pleased to announce that we're on our way to a good, useful website, organized the way our customers work. Please take a look at it

<http://www.afcesa.af.mil/cex/fire/index.asp> and provide some feedback. Don't worry too much about content at this point - focus on the navigation - right side of the page.

Eventually, the restricted site will also change. It will be an exact duplicate of the public site except it will include information that is inappropriate for public sites. The restricted site has not been modified yet.

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Have you ever worked at Dover AFB??

Looking for Fire Dept personnel, who have worked at Dover Air Force Base Fire Dept., or anyone that can provide pictures and or history and personnel of the fire department from its beginning. This information could be used in the development of a book in connection with the grand opening of a new Fire Station at Dover Air Force Base later this year. Please contact Captain Kim Moore at 302-677-4401 or DSN 445-4401 or email kim.moore@dover.af.mil, barry.williams@dover.af.mil for further information.

Civilian CAREERS Promotions, sorted by Gaining Base (continued on next page)

Grade	LOCATION	SELECTEE	LOSING BASE
10	ALTUS AFB OK	RICHARD KENNERSON	BEALE AFB CA
10	ALTUS AFB OK	NILS O. BROBJORG	SIOUX FALLS
13	ANDERSEN AFB GU	RALPH P. BARONE	INDIAN SPRINGS
9	ANDREWS AFB MD	PAUL M. TACKISH	ANDREWS AFB MD
9	ANDREWS AFB MD	BILLY V. POWERS	ANDREWS AFB MD
10	ANDREWS AFB MD	WILLIAM J. SALVATORE	ANDREWS AFB MD
10	AVIANO ABS IT	BRYANT L. NICODEMUS	INCRILIK (TURKEY)
9	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ASN CO	CHRIS A. MILLER	CHEBOYGAN MI
9	CLEAR AFS AK	RANDALL REYNOLDS	INDIAN HEAD
11	CLEAR AFS AK	WEST BALLARD	CLEAR AFS AK
10	COLUMBUS AFB MS	MARTY C. POWELL	COLUMBUS
10	COLUMBUS AFB MS	RICKY L. SONGER	COLUMBUS
9	CROUGHTON RAF UK	WILLIAM M. PHANOUF	GOODFELLOW AFB TX
11	CROUGHTON RAF UK	CURTIS W. RAY	CROUGHTON
10	DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB AZ	JOSEPH H. RAINES	DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB AZ
10	DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB AZ	TODD CANALE	DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB AZ
9	DOBBINS AFB GA	DAVID L. VANOLFEN	DOBBINS AFB GA
9	DOBBINS AFB GA	ERIC L. MCDANIEL	DOBBINS AFB GA
9	DOBBINS AFB GA	THOMAS F. MOISAN	DOBBINS AFB GA
9	DOVER AFB DE	BRIAN E. CULLEN	DOVER AFB DE
10	DOVER AFB DE	JOSEPH S. MARISS	DOVER AFB DE
9	DYESS AFB TX	ROGER P. MARTINEZ	DYESS AFB TX
10	DYESS AFB TX	REED V. TATE	DYESS AFB TX
9	EGLIN AFB FL	OSWALD C. ALFORD	EGLIN AFB FL
9	EGLIN AFB FL	MICHAEL J. KENNEDY	NORTH CAROLINA
9	EGLIN AFB FL	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES	EGLIN AFB FL
9	ELLSWORTH AFB SD	DEAN J. STETSON	ELLSWORTH AFB SD
10	ELLSWORTH AFB SD	STEVEN C. HILTON	ELLSWORTH AFB SD
9	F. E. WARREN AFB WY	RONNIE W. RIEDEL	F. E. WARREN AFB WY
9	FAIRCHILD AFB WA	JEFF W. SANBORN	FAIRCHILD AFB CA
10	FAIRFORD RAF UK	CRAIG E. GILLIAM	EDWARDS AFB CA
9	GOODFELLOW AFB TX	JOHN J. MANERA	GOODFELLOW AFB TX
9	GRAND FORKS AFB ND	JEREMY A. EVETT	GRAND FORKS AFB ND
10	GRAND FORKS AFB ND	JAMES R. WELP	GRAND FORKS AFB ND
9	HANSCOM AFB MA	PAUL SEGUIN	HANSCOM AFB MA
9	HILL AFB UT	DEMPSEY C. STRICKLAND	HILL AFB UT
9	HILL AFB UT	DAVID CASTANEDA	HILL AFB UT
9	HILL AFB UT	PATRICK C. VEGA	HILL AFB UT
13	HOLLOMAN AFB NM	MARK T. GIULIANO	NELLIS AFB NV
9	HOMESTEAD ARS FL	TED D. CROOK	HOMESTEAD ARS FL
9	HOMESTEAD ARS FL	RAYMOND BRADSHAW	HOMESTEAD ARS FL
9	HURLBURT FIELD FL	JOHN M. BEAUCHAMP	MISSOURI
10	HURLBURT FIELD FL	WILLIAM R. HAINES	HURLBURT FIELD FL
9	KIRTLAND AFB NM	RONNIE A. DEXTER	KIRTLAND AFB NM
9	KIRTLAND AFB NM	KRISTOPHER L. GITTER	KIRTLAND AFB NM
11	KIRTLAND AFB NM	LARRY J. GUTIERREZ	KIRTLAND AFB NM
11	KIRTLAND AFB NM	VICTOR PADILLA	KIRTLAND AFB NM
13	KIRTLAND AFB NM	RICK ALLEN	COLUMBUS

More promotions from last year....

Grade	LOCATION	SELECTEE	LOSING BASE
13	LAKENHEATH RAF UK	HUBERT W. DUKES	RANDOLPH AFB TX
9	MARCH AFB CA	ANTHONY RABONZA	MARCH AFB CA
9	MARCH AFB CA	ELIOT M. COOPER	MARCH AFB CA
10	MARCH AFB CA	TIMOTHY D. HOLLIDAY	MARCH AFB CA
11	MARCH AFB CA	JEFFREY W. KONERSMAN	MARCH AFB CA
10	MAXWELL AFB AL	JAMES K. SMITH	MAXWELL AFB AL
10	MAXWELL AFB AL	NORMAN L. ALLARD	MAXWELL AFB AL
10	MAXWELL AFB AL	TIMOTHY SHAW	MAXWELL AFB AL
10	MAXWELL AFB AL	MICHAEL A. WALKER	MAXWELL AFB AL
11	MCCHORD AFB WA	JOHN T. HARRIS	SCHRIEVER AFB CO
9	MCCONNELL AFB KS	RANDAL G. CUNNINGHAM	MCCONNELL AFB KS
10	MINOT AFB ND	DAVID J. RAYBURN	MINOT AFB ND
10	MOLESWORTH STG (RAF) UK	GLENN F. HAFFNER	RANDOLPH AFB TX
10	MOODY AFB GA	CHARLIE J. JOHNSON	CROUGHTON
10	MOODY AFB GA	VINCENT B. FERRELL	SHEPPARD AFB TX
9	NELLIS AFB NV	GORDON MINCEY	NELLIS AFB NV
11	NELLIS AFB NV	WILLIAM E. LONSFORD	RANDOLPH AFB TX
11	NELLIS AFB NV	JOHN THOMPSON	NELLIS AFB NV
9	PETERSON AFB CO	DAVID L. REYNOLDS	PETERSON AFB CO
11	POPE AFB NC	MARION GARVIN	POPE AFB NC
13	RAMSTEIN ABS GE	PAUL P. GILES	ANDERSEN AFB GUAM
10	SCOTT AFB IL	CARL HODGES	SCOTT AFB IL
11	SCOTT AFB IL	PAUL KEMPTON	SCOTT AFB IL
10	SELFRIDGE ANGB MI	THOMAS A. WOODY	SELFRIDGE ANGB MI
10	SELFRIDGE ANGB MI	RONALD B. HEMROFF	SELFRIDGE ANGB MI
9	SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB NC	DOUGLAS E. FABER	WARRENTON, VA
10	SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB NC	MICHAEL JOSEPH	JACKSON MS
10	SHAW AFB SC	SCOTT W. CLINE	SHAW AFB SC
11	SHEPPARD AFB TX	DAVID E. OLSEN	ELLSWORTH AFB SD
9	TINKER AFB OK	BRENT T. NELSON	TINKER AFB OK
11	TINKER AFB OK	DAVID L. DUNAFAN	TINKER AFB OK
11	TRAVIS AFB CA	JOHN SPEAKMAN	TRAVIS AFB CA
10	TYNDALL AFB FL	ROBERT I. RICHARDSON	TYNDALL AFB FL
12	TYNDALL AFB FL	JAMES PODOLSKA	TYNDALL AFB FL
13	TYNDALL AFB FL	GEORGE F. HALL	TYNDALL AFB FL
11	USAF ACADEMY CO	MARTIN E. CLINTON	MAXWELL AFB AL
12	USAF ACADEMY CO	JOHN W. STAUB II	PANAMA CITY FL
13	USAF ACADEMY CO	ERNST R. PIERCY	USAF ACADEMY
9	WESTOVER AFB MA	PETER M. WHITTEN	WESTOVER AFB MA
9	WESTOVER AFB MA	MARC P. MICHAUD	WESTOVER AFB MA
11	WESTOVER AFB MA	CHARLES T. VANGORDEN	WESTOVER AFB MA
9	WPAFB OH	FRANKIE L. COX	WPAFB OH
9	WPAFB OH	MICHAEL BRUMFIELD	WPAFB OH
9	WPAFB OH	STEPHEN D. LANGSTAFF	WPAFB OH
9	WPAFB OH	MARK A. STANSELL	WPAFB OH
9	WPAFB OH	RICHARD A. PENCE	WPAFB OH
9	WPAFB OH	RANDALL J. HAWKINS	WPAFB OH
9	WPAFB OH	JEFFREY KITZMILLER	WPAFB OH
11	WPAFB OH	RONALD J. EMMERICK	WPAFB OH

Fire News

Heavy Rescue Vehicles Acceptance Test: The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), HQ AFCESA/CEXF, and WR-ALC/LESV performed first production model acceptance evaluations of three (3) Pierce Saber model heavy rescue vehicles scheduled for delivery to Goodfellow (AETC), Thule (AFSPC), and Charleston (AMC) air bases beginning in April 2004. The testing was conducted 2-5 Mar 04 at the Pierce Manufacturing Company in Appleton WI. These three diesel vehicles will provide an immediate improvement in fire fighting and rescue capabilities since they are replacing existing 1983-85 vintage gasoline powered P-10 rescue vehicles that are in poor operating condition, exceeded their O&M maintenance thresholds, and are beyond a serviceable life cycle. (HQ AFCESA/CEXF, Mr. George F. Hall, DSN 523-6159)



Congratulations to each of the new SMSgt-selectees! Once again, fire protection was able to garner more new promotees than the Air Force average!

AMACKER MICHAEL D	Mildenhall
BRYSON CHARLES E	Aviano
DANTZLER DARRELL	Andrews
FOSTER STEVEN J	AFCESA
HOLCOMB JOHN M	Kunsan
JIMMO KEITH W	Soto Cano
JOHNSON GERALD A	Langley
KASS DAVID J	Scott
NABOZNY JEFFREY A	Goodfellow
ORENICH NEIL M	Randolph
PATTERSON JAMES C	Mt Home
PAVEGLIO GLEN C	Incirlik
RODRIGUEZ PATRICK	Whiteman
THEODORE MCHUDSON	Patrick
WILLIAMS CRATON L	McGuire

Cat-1 Training

CMSgt **Kenny Helgerson**, celebrating Christmas with Santa Claus in "a deployed overseas location".



To all, please remind your bases that Cat-1 General Contingency training must be completed by all your new airmen within 90 days of assignment. This training is provided by the CD program all should have. This training is no longer provided at the DODFA. Students who find themselves in a casual status at Goodfellow after graduation may complete this training but they should have some kind of completion documentation. No documentation--no completion. This training ended to make room for First Responder certification. An A-Gram (03-09) is also posted on the AFCESA web-page regarding this subject!

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Airborne Fire Fighters

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During past military operations, our forces were unable to utilize forward operating airfields due to damage and poor maintenance. Enemy forces, poor access, and remoteness prevented ground travel to the locations. Coalition forces needed a method to access and expediently use these airfields. This challenge was answered when the United States Air Force incorporated an airborne capability into its heavy construction engineer units--the RED HORSE squadrons. This capability provides airdrop, air insertion, or air deliverable engineers to press an airfield back into serviceable condition and enhances the ability to rapidly defeat the enemy. The functions performed by airborne RED HORSE teams include: airfield assessment, preparing landing zones, installation of airfield lighting, assessment of water sources, explosives clearance, nuclear/chemical/biological monitoring, emergency medical services and crash/rescue services. The first training session for the airborne RED HORSE occurred in November 2002. This training helped develop capabilities that ultimately led to critical successful deployments in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. One important capability these new civil engineer teams bring together is airborne fire crash/rescue capability. The crash/rescue mission is to provide limited firefighting, aircrew extraction, and medical support until a more robust follow on force arrives. Firefighters deploy in teams of 6 and are equipped with 2 M-Gator firefighting ATVs, personal protective equipment, and combat gear. The M-Gator ATV unit is certified for airdrop/air delivery, carries 50 gallons of water, 5 gallons of foam and utilizes ultra high pressure systems to deliver 7gpm at 1500 PSI. Airborne firefighters are selected from Air Force active duty firefighters. Once an individual is selected they attend the Army Airborne School and the Army Air Assault course. The airborne firefighter is then assigned to a three year tour at 1 of 3 locations in the United States. Once called to duty for airborne operations, the team is immediately deployable to anywhere on the globe in support of our great Nation!

Airborne firefighters train with M-Gator firefighting ATV prior to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM deployment.



Nellis AFB Firefighter A1C Jett Reidy was the first Air Force Firefighter to graduate from the Basic Airborne Course.

He received his Airborne certification in February 2004. Currently there are 18 Airborne positions open on EQUAL PLUS. Questions regarding the Airborne Crash/Rescue program can be directed to HQ ACC Fire Emergency Services at DSN: 574-7114.



M-Gator and Airborne crash/rescue equipment in route to Baghdad International Airport.



FEMA REVIEW OF DEADLY FLORIDA HOUSE FIRE REFLECTS IMPORTANCE OF WORKING SMOKE ALARMS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A technical review of a Florida house fire that killed six people - five of them children under age seven - is being released by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today. According to the review, the lack of a working smoke alarm allowed the fire to become so intense that rescuing the victims was impossible.

"Any fire fatality is a tragedy, but a fire that claims the lives of five children is a tragedy in the extreme," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "The tragedy is all the worse because it might have been prevented if there was a working smoke alarm in the home."

The review, compiled by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), stressed the importance of smoke alarms, notably in fires that occur when residents would be asleep. The local fire department had an aggressive public education program that included free smoke alarms and batteries, but demand was not great; interest in the items increased significantly after the fire.

"Data collected by USFA shows clearly there can be deadly consequences when fires occur at night in houses without functioning smoke alarms," said US Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. "Smoke alarms are inexpensive and easy to install, and easy to check and keep operational. They are the closest thing to having a firefighter on duty in your home 24 hours a day."

USFA develops reports on selected major fires and emergencies, usually involving multiple deaths or a large loss of property. The objective reviews are intended to uncover significant "lessons learned" or new knowledge about firefighting or to underscore ongoing issues in fire service. USFA, which has

no regulatory authority, sends an experienced fire investigator to the community after a major incident only after conferring with local fire authorities.

The two-story, single-family home in St. Cloud, Fla., caught on fire early in the morning of June 21, 2001, after a plugged in battery charger became covered with clothing and ignited.

Ten firefighters responded to the initial alarm and arrived within four minutes of dispatch. Additional equipment and personnel were subsequently dispatched due to the magnitude of the fire, but rescue attempts were impossible. Of the house's eight residents, seven were home at the time of the fire and all but one died. The youngest victim was a 22-month-old girl.

A copy of the full report can be downloaded by going to: www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/techreports/tr142.shtm.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national

incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.



Snippets...

DOD ALLOWS SOME RETIREES TO BE REEMPLOYED WITHOUT A REDUCTION IN ANNUITY

Civil service retirees who are needed in critical positions can now be hired by the Defense Department without an offset in their retirement pay, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David Chu announced last week. A similar provision has already been implemented for military retirees. Previously, DOD retirees who returned to work had their pay reduced by the amount of their pension. The change allowing certain DOD employees to receive both their full pay and their retirement pay was authorized by the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, and applies only to those hired on or after November 24, 2003. In approving the policy, Under Secretary Chu, said, "This tool will help us address the challenges of a 'retirement-driven talent drain' as our current generation of dedicated civil servants becomes eligible to retire." The policy has a number of restrictions and requirements. For instance, a retiree can only be hired into hard-to-fill positions where the retiree has unique or specialized skills or qualifications, and a retiree cannot be reemployed in his or her previous job position unless someone above the hiring official approves it and certifies the critical conditions. In addition, a retiree may be hired for up to one year as a mentor to less experienced employees, or to provide continuity during critical organizational transitions. Before any retiree can be hired, the position must be offered to qualified defense workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. For executive level positions, only the secretaries of the military departments or heads of defense agencies and field activities may appoint annuitants to such positions.

FROM THE HILL...

A spokesman for Rep. Tom Davis (R-Virginia) says that House Republican leaders have agreed to permit a resolution on the civilian-military pay parity issue to be brought to the House floor this week. The move is important because the 2005 Budget Resolution approved by the House of Representatives last week does not contain language in support of pay parity between civilian and military federal employees for 2005. In his fiscal year 2005 budget, President Bush proposed a 3.5 percent raise for military personnel, but only a 1.5 percent increase for civilian employees. Hill watchers say that with the soaring budget deficit, pay parity may prove a particularly difficult sell on the Hill this year. If the House approves the pay parity resolution this week, federal civilian workers will have a much better chance of receiving a 3.5 percent pay raise next year.

Reprinted with permission from the Fire Chief web site:

What's the most important thing for fire service officials to know about the National Incident Management System?

The NIMS document that we have is not really new to the fire service. The fire service has been fighting over incident command for 20 years. Some support the FireScope system, others the Fire Command system, and others the National Fire Academy system. What we've said now with the NIMS document is that it's not just a fire service issue. We're expanding (incident management) to include all the agencies involved in response to emergencies – beyond police, EMS and fire -- to include all the government agencies that will respond to a disaster as well as some private organizations. This now includes such agencies as the Department of Transportation; Fish, Game and Wildlife; public utilities, etc. What NIMS does is give everyone a template to organize their response to assist in an emergency. Even agencies responding to events that don't involve the fire service, like the EPA in an environmental disaster, will also be organized in the same way. For the first time in history we have a common and consistent template that we'll begin implementing all across this country.

For additional information, please download the NIMS manual at:

<http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/NIMS-90-web.pdf>

15 Month Enlistments???

You may have heard about the NCS initiative, essentially 15 month enlistments for new airmen which doesn't start until after completing BMTS and Tech Training. Fire protection received 26 of these folks (we had no control over this). The first of these folks are nearing the point of completing their tech schools and will filter to bases shortly. They will not be assigned overseas but are available for deployment. I do know that the following bases will receive them:

McGuire, Holloman, Shaw (2), Whiteman, MacDill, McChord, Schreiver, Keesler

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